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TAGS: PINT, SHUM, AR
SUBJECT: SCHOENFELD THREATENED AGAIN

REF: BUENOS AIRES 4654

1. ENTIRE TEXT).

2. ACCORDING TO ISRAELI AMBASSADOR DOV SCHMORAK, LA PRENSA COLUMNIST MANFRED SCHOENFELD LATE LAST WEEK RECEIVED WHAT HE TOOK TO BE A RELIABLE TIP THAT HE HAD BEEN TARGETED BY A GROUP IN THE SECURITY SERVICES FOR ANOTHER ATTEMPT ON HIS LIFE. SCHOENFELD AND HIS FAMILY THEREUPON MOVED OUT OF THEIR RESIDENCE AND TOOK REFUGE WITH A FRIEND OVER THE WEEKEND. THEY HAVE NOW RETURNED HOME.

3. SCHOENFELD HAS BEEN FORCED UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES TO CONSIDER LEAVING THE COUNTRY. ALTHOUGH HE STILL HAS GERMAN CITIZENSHIP, HE REFUSES TO SEEK HELP IN THAT QUARTER BECAUSE OF HIS CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCES IN HITLER'S TIME. AMBASSADOR SCHMORAK THOUGHT THAT THE NEXT TIME SCHOENFELD IS IN DANGER HE MIGHT APPEAR AT THIS EMBASSY OR THE BRITISH. (THE COLUMNIST LIVED IN LONDON FOR FIVE YEARS AND HANDLES ENGLISH WELL.)

4. WITH THE APPROVAL OF HIS GOVERNMENT, SCHMORAK DECIDED TO PUT THE GOA ON NOTICE WITH RESPECT TO SCHOENFELD. HE REASONED THAT THE LAST THING VIOLA AND THE JUNTA WOULD WANT WOULD BE SCHOENFELD'S MURDER AND THAT THE INTENDING ASSASSIN MIGHT BE RESTRAINED IF WHAT WAS AFOOT WAS WIDELY KNOWN IN THE GOA AND THE MILITARY ESTABLISHMENT. THE AMBASSADOR HAS NOW TOLD HIS STORY TO ENRIQUE ROS, THE FOREIGN MINISTRY'S UNDER SECRETARY. ROS PROMISED TO SPREAD THE WORD.

5. COMMENT: SCHOENFELD HAS YET TO GIVE ANY SIGNS OF BACKING AWAY. HIS JULY 2 COLUMN WAS PERHAPS THE MOST INCENDIARY TO DATE, ASSERTING AS IT DID THAT ARGENTINA CURRENTLY HAS NO GOVERNMENT IN ANY MEANINGFUL SENSE OF THE WORD, THAT THE PROCESS OF NATIONAL REORGANIZATION IS A DEAD LETTER AND THAT THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN CONDUCTING IT SHOULD GET OUT.

6. SCHOENFELD'S -- AND LA PRENSA'S -- COURAGEOUS STAND FOR FREEDOM OF THE PRESS ASIDE, IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT HIS AND THE PAPER'S CURRENT LINE IS NOT ONE WE FIND SUPPORTIVE OF DEMOCRATIZATION. HE AND HIS COLLEAGUE IGLESIAS ROUCO HAVE BITTERLY ATTACHED THE RADICAL'S ATTEMPT TO PUT TOGETHER A COMMON FRONT AMONG THE MAJOR POLITICAL PARTIES (SEPTEL). SCHOENFELD CALLS FOR TOTAL PROSCRIPTION OF PERONISM, REFLECTING LA PRENSA'S BITTER BATTLE OF MORE THAN 30 YEARS WITH THAT MOVEMENT. HE AND THE PAPER SEEM TO BE SAYING THAT VIOLA'S MANEUVERING WITH THE PARTIES THREATENS A RETURN TO "POPULISM" AND THAT A PURIFIED MILITARY REGIME HEADED BY A STRONG FIGURE -- PERHAPS ONGANIA IGLESIAS ROUCO HINTS -- MIGHT BE THE ANSWER.
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